

Newark Biography C

Mrs. Gladys E. Churchman

Dedication

Sunday, February 8, 1976

3:00 O'clock



Portrait by Nettie Thomas

Weequahic High School Library

Newark, New Jersey

Virginai Scott, Chairperson

James Barrett, Principal

PROGRAM

WELCOME MRS. VIRGINIA SCOTT

PRAYER

MASTER OF CEREMONIES DR. E. WYMAN GARRETT

SOLO - Lift Every Voice & Sing...

REV. RAYMOND ANDREWS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH MS. SHIRLEY THOMAS

AN EDUCATOR MRS. GLADYS FRANCIS

SOLO ROBERT MAGWOOD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER HAROLD MOORE
PRINCIPAL, BRUCE ST. SCHOOL

RESPONSE JAMES BARRETT
PRINCIPAL, WEEQUAHIC H.S.

REMARKS JAMES E. CHURCHMAN JR.

PRESENTATION JAMES E. CHURCHMAN III

ACCEPTANCE STEPHANIE COLEMAN

REMARKS:

MR. STANLEY TAYLOR - EXEC. SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

DR. ANNETTE G. KEARNEY - EXEC. ASST. SUPT.

BIOGRAPHY

Gladys E. Churchman was born in Ansonia, Connecticut, on October 28, 1902 to Joseph and Clara St. John. She moved to Newark in 1910. In Newark, she attended Central High School and Newark State Normal School. (Later Newark State Teachers College).

In 1931, she began as a volunteer worker with the Friendly Neighborhood House in Newark. She worked in a volunteer capacity for 5 years, and then became a staff member. She served as Executive Director of the faculty from 1945 until her retirement in 1967.

Mrs. Churchman was very active in the civic and social aspects of Newark, and of the state of New Jersey. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Trinity Chapter #14 (P.H.A.) and a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Newark Board of Education and Chairman of the Instruction Committee. She was a member of the Girl Scouts Advisory Council, the Boy Scouts of America Robert Treat Council and founder of Troop #32 of the Friendly Neighborhood House. She was a member of the Girl Scouts Essex Council, Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, former Board Chairman of the City Hospital School of Nursing, Central Ward Juvenile Conference Committee, Zonta International of Greater Newark, Guyton-Callahan Post #152 American Legion Auxillary.

Mrs. Churchman had always been active in the Episcopal Church. She was a member of St. Philips Episcopal Church, and later of Trinity Cathedral, Newark when the two churches merged. At Trinity Cathedral, she was a member of the Thursday Day Group, member of the Newark Episcopal Diocese, member of the Executive Committee of Trinity Cathedral, and of the Lay Readers Association.

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Gladys Churchman departed this life on January 13, 1974. She is survived by a son, James E. Churchman Jr., and 2 grandchildren, James E. Churchman, III, and Edith Churchman, and a brother Joseph St. John of Detroit. Since her death, she has had a beautification project at Montgomery Street School dedicated to her, as well as a black newspaper collection on microfilm at Weequahic High School. Through the memorial fund of Trinity Cathedral it was possible to erect a stained glass window in the St. Philips Chapel of the Cathedral to her memory.